

Project facilitation support Future battery industry projects

In early 2019, the Western Australian Government launched the <u>Future Battery Industry Strategy</u> to drive and support the growth in Western Australia of a world-leading, sustainable, value-adding future battery industry that provides local jobs, contributes to skill development and economic diversification, and benefits regional communities.

The Future Battery Industry Strategy provides a framework with consistent, clear and coordinated actions to ensure the Western Australian Government is leading the nation's growth in the uptake of opportunities across the global battery value chain.

Implementation of the strategy is a joint effort between the **Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (JTSI)** and the **Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS).**

As part of the strategy's project facilitation theme, the Western Australian Government will continue to support the establishment of future battery industry projects by providing project facilitation support and assistance with the state's approvals processes.

Agency roles in future battery industry projects

JTSI is the state's lead agency responsible for economic development, international trade and investment, and tourism. It also leads the promotion and development of the defence, international education, and science and innovation sectors in Western Australia. JTSI offers project facilitation support for battery industry projects involving downstream processing and manufacturing in Strategic Industrial Areas (SIAs) and throughout the state.

DMIRS and the **Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER)**, are responsible for regulating the resources sector and for ensuring the state's safety, health and environmental standards are among the world's best practice. DMIRS is also responsible for providing geoscientific information which supports private investment in resources exploration and development. DMIRS and DWER can assist future battery industry projects that involve exploration and mining with information on the required approvals.

Project facilitation support

JTSI can provide the future battery industry with the following project facilitation support:

- » provide proponents with information on project approval requirements and referrals to relevant agencies
- » case-manage and coordinate liaison across government for proposals where appropriate
- » assist proponents to identify the potential impacts of a proposal on matters such as the environment, water, communities and infrastructure

Proponents can contact JTSI for more information on project facilitation assistance for downstream processing proposals and SIAs, and DMIRS for more information on mining proposals, project management plans, and other approvals that may be applicable.

Project approvals for battery industry projects

Refer to the project approvals factsheets on the JTSI website for more information about potential approval requirements for future battery industry projects.

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